GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4659
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2002
CUTTING DOWN OF 784 TREES NEAR MANKHURD VASI RAILWAY LINES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Railway, Mumbai has taken note of cutting down 784 trees near MankhurdVasi Railway Lines in the 2nd week of November;

(b) whether in order to put new hoardings and make it visible, it is suspected, that Railway Advertising Agency, private agencies have cut down these trees;

(c) whether Railways have received representation in this regard from MPs, NGOs, BPCL, etc.;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith action taken by the Government thereon;

(e) whether Railway has received representations from commercial department and advertising agencies to remove those trees;

(f) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(g) whether these hoardings are put up in CRZ area;

(h) whether mangroves were damaged to instal these hoardings;

(i) the basis on which such permission was given by commercial department;

(j) whether any inquiry/action has been taken against the commercial Department or other concerned; and

(k) if so, the details of the action plan of the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): Yes, Sir. However, the trees cut down were not on Railway land.

(b) to (k): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.